

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 65, please replace lines 14-18 with the following amended paragraph:

Slurries was prepared with 3% by weight multiphase core particles formed from alumina particles (obtained from Nanophase Technologies Corporation, Romeoville, IL) which were coated with thin layers (< 50 nm) of silica using the Stober process. In the slurry formulation, 20 mM C₁₂TAB, 20 mM BTA, 50 mM citric acid and 5 wt. % Hydrogen peroxide solutions were added. The pH was adjusted to 9.0. Polishing studies were conducted at 6.7 psi at 253 ft/min.